Introduced by Assembly Member Gatto

December 21, 2012

An act relating to Native Americans.

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AB 52, as introduced, Gatto. Native Americans.

Existing law, the Native American Historic Resource Protection Act, establishes a misdemeanor for unlawfully and maliciously excavating upon, removing, destroying, injuring, or defacing a Native American historic, cultural, or sacred site, that is listed or may be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation promoting the preservation of Native American sites and requiring developers to consult with appropriate entities to determine possible impacts on Native American sacred sites prior to project initiation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would promote the preservation of Native American
- 3 sites and to require developers to consult with appropriate entities
- 4 to determine possible impacts on Native American sacred sites
- 5 prior to project initiation.